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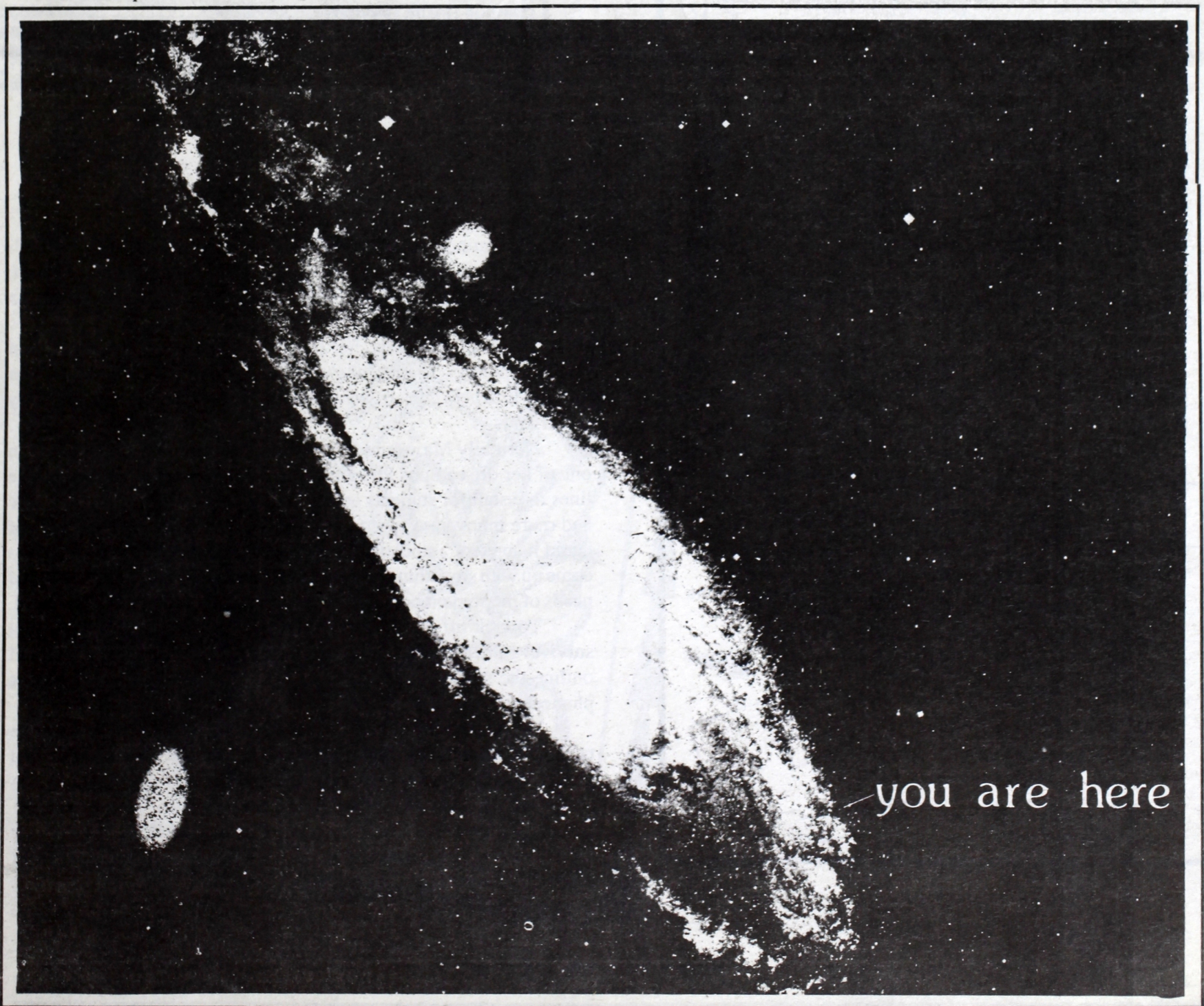
Monday September 2, 1991

Is Frosh Week Leaving You Confused?

Ten things to do While Waiting in Registration Line

10. Fill out registration form. - Not
9. Stand on a table and shout, "I love it and I don't care who knows it.
8. Take the condoms from the student kits and blow them up and twist them up in funny little animal
7. Shit, shower, shave and shampoo.
6. Write an Epic Masterpiece.
5. If unable to write, read the Iliad and the Odyssey, Ulysses, and War and Peace.
4. Go to med school.
3. Repeat step 7.
2. Do what 40% of the Canadian Population secretly does: bite their toenails.
1. Come up with 5 reasons to become a Lambda staffer and then rush down here and tell us.

We understand that this whole experience may be a little overwhelming for you now but in time you should fit right in. In order to assist you in maintaining your orientation, here is a little something to remind you of where you are. If you have any further questions don't hesitate to ask.



Disabled have Come a Long Way

We are approaching the end of the "Decade of the Disabled" (1983-1992) and it is time to reflect on the successes and failures of the past ten years so that disabled students may have a brighter future. At Laurentian University there have been a great many changes since 1983, most notably, the opening of the Special Needs Office in November of 1989. The services and facilities provided in the office are available to special need students so that they can achieve their educational goals which are so much a part of being successful in the world today.

The ninety's are ushering in a new era for disabled people. Realizing the importance of education, an increasing number of disabled people are attending post-secondary institutions. Special Needs offices are firmly established and working towards achieving their goals. Gone are the days when a person with a disability is relegated to life in an institution. People with disabilities are becoming successful, productive members of society.

The long-term goal of the Special Needs Office is to see special need students fully integrated into the mainstream of post-secondary education. The Laurentian University Access and Resource Handbook is one small step

toward achieving this goal. To go the rest of the way requires that you, the student, take some of the responsibility for your own future. It is only through teamwork, and your dedication to being successful that the barriers to equal access to education can be destroyed. In order for the Special Needs Office to provide the best service possible, we need you to identify your needs as soon as possible.

The apparent population explosion of special need students brings to mind several questions. First, can we provide an effective service for these people given our limited resources? Secondly, is education becoming more accessible with respect to both physical and attitudinal barriers? The answer is "YES", but not an absolute "yes". Hard-working special needs coordinators are stretching the dollars and raising their voices to provide the best quality of service to anyone who identifies their needs.

People with special needs having their degrees and now seeking gainful, rewarding employment bring to bear the issue of employment equity. Legislation such as the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Ontario Human Rights Code have enshrined the right to equality with respect to em-



ployment for disabled persons in the law. This is not to say that discrimination has been completely removed, but it is a step in the right direction. Hopefully, the day will soon arrive when a disabled person has the same employment opportunities as any other qualified applicant.

Finally, we would like to welcome you back to Laurentian University and wish you the best of luck in your studies.

Earl Black, Coordinator of Special Needs

Steve Kean, Promotion Assistant

WARM WELCOME TO LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY

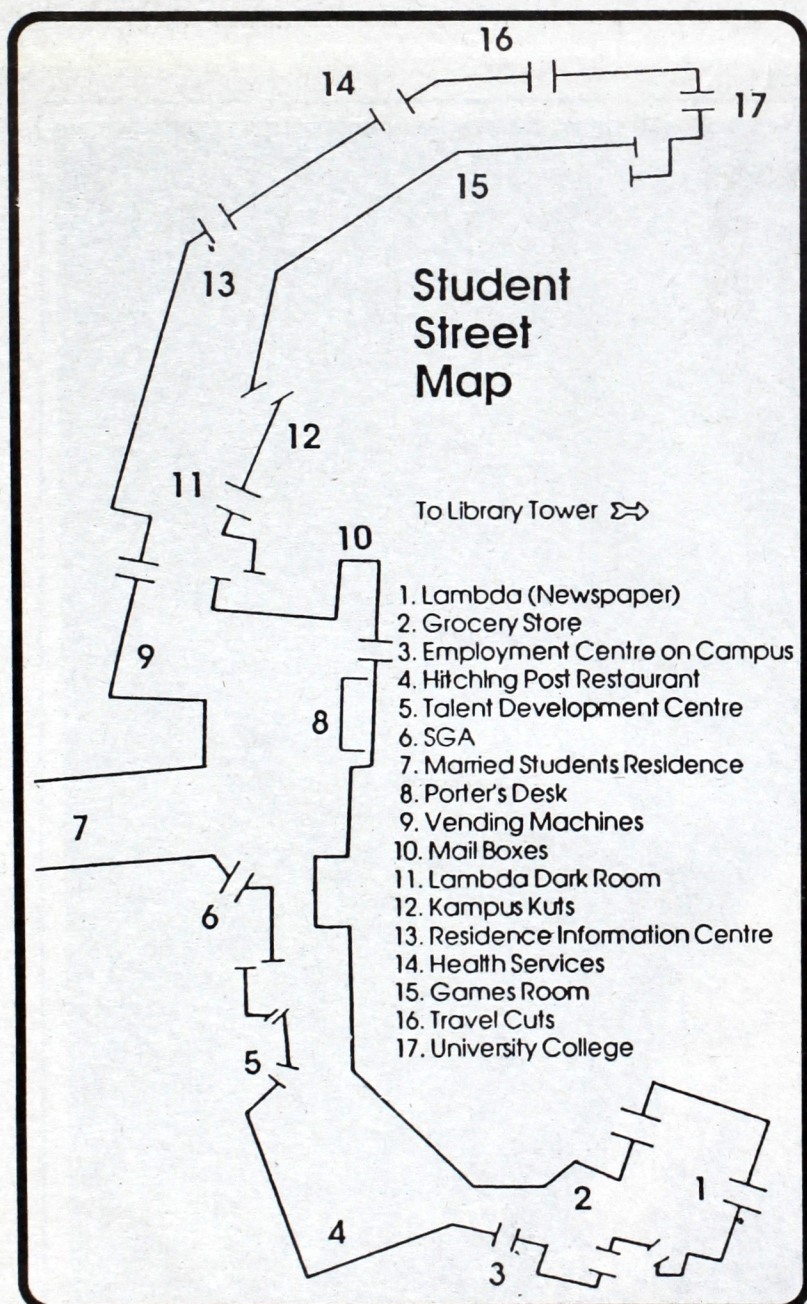
Residents of the Laurentian University Single Students and University College Residences and their parents will receive a warm welcome at the Welcome '91 Barbecue, to be held Monday, September 2, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., behind the Single Students Residence.

Free sausages, hot dogs, hamburgers, pop and watermelon will be served to all participants. The event will also feature numerous contests and games.

Organizers have designed this event, at which no alcohol will be served, as a way for students to get acquainted with each other in a atmosphere of fun and relaxation.

Admittance is free and all students and their parents are welcome!

Reference: Janet Sailian, Assistant Director of Communications, 673-6566
Date: August 26, 1991



Sudbury Sexual Assault Crisis Centre.....	675-1323
Campus Sexual Harassment.....ext. 1067.....	675-1151
Sudbury Community Legal Clinic.....	674-6200
Poison Information.....	674-6636
Distress Centre.....	675-1121
Campus Health Services.....ext. 1067.....	674-5530
Campus Security.....673-6562.....(weekends).....	673-6561
Director of L.U. Services.....ext. 3003.....	675-1151

Ma Bell Goes Back To School

The rumours are true. Ma Bell is going back to school. But she's not going back to study. She's going back to teach. Her subject: "Telephoneology"... what it is and how to get it. Her classroom: an on-campus **Phonecentre**.

You will recognize her instantly by her adopted persona of jungle explorer. She has answered the "Call of the Wild" and her purpose is to help you answer your calls and keep in touch with family and friends.

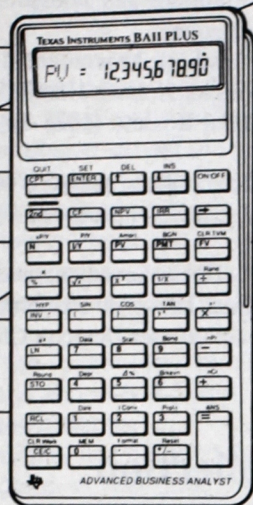
Normally Ma would wait for students to come and visit her in one of her off-campus Phonecentres. But with nearly 38,000 phone lines to install for students across Ontario this fall she decided a new and more innovative approach was needed. So she hired a group of "grad managers", students themselves till last year, and told them to come up with something new and different that would meet the special needs of the student population. Voilà... "Call of the Wild" was born.

To kick off the program 170,000 "Call of the Wild" student survival guides were mailed to students newly arriving on campus and outline the special service packages available from the on-campus phonecentre.

Whatever your circumstances there's a phone service package tailored to your needs: Whether you live alone, with another or in a group; whether you want to be a "camper" (hopefully "happy"); an "explorer"; a "tourist"; or perhaps form your own "safari" party.

So answer the "Call of the Wild" and join Ma Bell in her new safari garb as she answers the call to help close to a million post secondary students in Ontario "keep-in-touch".

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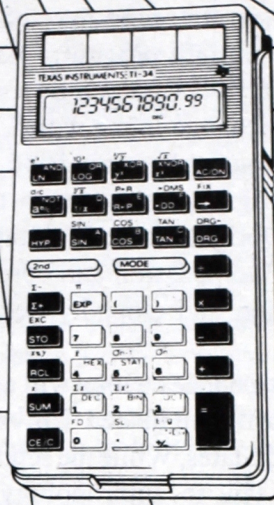


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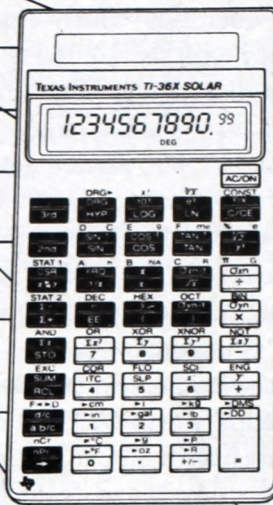


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Laurentian University

Single Student Residence 024 (Gamesroom)

- Monday Sept. 2, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Conference Room B next to Cafeteria (Great Hall)
- Monday Sept. 9, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Answering your call

The Fulbright Program

The Foundation For Educational Exchange Between Canada And The United States Of America

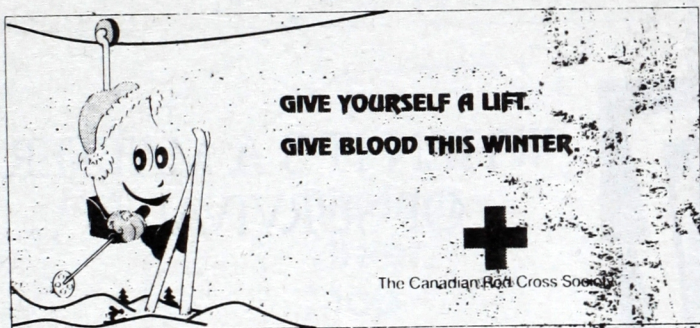
The Foundation for Educational Exchange between Canada and the United States launches into its second year of operation as one of the 130 countries which engages in bilateral 'Fulbright Scholar' exchanges with the United States. The Fulbright program - named after J. William Fulbright, the well-known former Democratic senator from Arkansas - is the largest academic exchange in the world, with more than 167,000 participants since the program began in 1946. The goals of the Canada - U.S. Fulbright program hold true to those initially desired by Senator J. William Fulbright himself: to build a world in which "the human attribution of compassion and common sense, of intellect and creative imagination and empathy between nations" is attained.

This year, the Foundation for Educational Exchange will award scholarships worth \$25,000 each to four distinguished University professors from both Canada and the United States. While the scholars' fields of study range from history and law to anthropology and literature, all the scholars share a commitment to enhancing knowledge in the many topics of relevance to the relationship between Canada and the United States.

In announcing its 1992-1993 awards, the foundation for Educational exchange between Canada and the United States would once again like to invite the finest Canadian scholars to lecture or conduct research at universities in the United States. For the first time, the Foundation is also offering graduate student scholarships for the 'best and the brightest' students who seek to pursue studies or research at the doctoral level in the United States. Application deadlines for both faculty and graduate student exchanges are November 30. For more information and an application package, please contact:

Dr. Victor Konrad
Executive Director

**The Foundation for Educational Exchange
Between Canada and the United States of America**
29 Beechwood at MacKay, 3rd Floor
Ottawa, Ontario
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Greetings from LU Alumni Association

On behalf of almost 30,000 Laurentian University graduates, welcome to another year of studies! I extend a special greeting to students in their first year on campus.

The Laurentian University Alumni Association is committed to supporting the University by providing programs and services to all members of the Laurentian family. We are developing close relations with students through a variety of collaborative projects with associations, clubs and special interest groups and through opportunities for employment.

We expect that the friend-raising partnership coordinated through the Alumni Affairs Office will soon connect current and prospective students and their parents, young graduates and established alumni together for their mutual benefit and for the development of excellence at Laurentian University.

Good luck in your academic year and don't hesitate to drop in if we can be of service to you!

Contact: Cindy Ives-Bigeau
Assistant Director
Alumni Affairs and Development
L1129, R.D. Parker Building
675-4818 or extension 3418

Calling Local Collectors

(Sudbury)... The Art Centre at 251 John Street is organizing an exhibition of the fine art and crafts movements of late 19th Century England. The exhibition takes place in December.

We are looking for British paintings, furniture and household objects, including books, from 1860 to 1900 in local collections.

In fine art and painting, this includes the **Aesthetic Movement** (1860-1890) in Britain, led by the **Pre-Raphaelite** artists William Holman Hunt (1872-1910), John Everett Millais (1829-96), and Dante Gabriel Rossetti (1828-82), and their followers.

In decorative arts, furniture and household objects, the **Arts and Crafts movement** in late 19th century England was heavily influenced by designer **William Morris** (1834-96) and his design firm.

In Europe and in America, the influence from these movements was expressed in **Art Nouveau**, which reached its peak at the Paris Universal Exhibition in 1900.

If you have works from this period, please contact Demetra Christakos at 675-1151, ext. 1400.

Permanent Collection

(Sudbury)... The Laurentian University Museum and Art Centre at 251 John Street presents a selection of art work from the Permanent Collection from August 28 to September 22, 1991.

The Permanent Collection now numbers over 880 art works with a total value of \$1,525,000.

This exhibition features issue-oriented works by such challenging Canadian artists as Jane Ash Poitras, Carl Beam, Joe Fafard, and Evan Penny.

Also included will be contemporary prints by Inuit artists Mabel Nigiyok, Ruth Annaqtusi, and Ekidluak Komoartok.

For more information, please contact Demetra Christakos at 675-1151, ext. 1400.

Northern Ontario Artist at Ontario Place

(Sudbury)... The Art Centre will circulate an exhibition of paintings by Sudbury artist Bruno Cavallo to Gallery North at Ontario Place in Toronto this summer. The paintings will be exhibited in the Ontario North Now Pavilion from August 21 to September 4, 1991.

Bruno Cavallo was born in Calgary in 1913. He studied at the Ontario College of Art from 1929 to 1933 under J. E. H. Macdonald, Franklin Carmichael and J. W. Beatty. He came to Sudbury in 1937.

During his years as a professional sign-painter, Cavallo was not able to devote himself to his painting. Since his retirement in the sixties, however, he has become a well-known Sudbury area artist. His landscapes and cityscapes of this area of Northern Ontario are well represented in local collections.

Many of the works in the exhibition are featured in the book, Bruno Cavallo A Conversation, written by Maurice Switzer and published by the Laurentian University Museum and Art Centre in June of 1991.

The circulation of this exhibition to Gallery North is made possible with the assistance of the **Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines**.

For more information, please contact 675-1151, ext. 1400.

Stratford Excursion '91

To see Hamlet & Twelfth Night

The English department will be organizing a trip to Stratford on the 7th and 8th of October to see Hamlet and Twelfth Night. The cost is \$80 per person which includes bus, tickets, and hotel (quadruple occupancy). Space is limited, so reserve now by leaving your name, address, and a cheque payable to Laurentian University with Professor RD Schell, Department of English (Mailbox 7, room A322).



Teens not generation of rebels after all, study says

By Paige Debergo

Public opinion of teenagers as all being members of an angry, rebellious, "lost generation" may be misleading, according to the first comprehensive survey of the values, attitudes and lifestyles of Canadians between 12 and 19 years old.

Conducted by Decima Research of Toronto, the survey questioned 1,500 teens about issues ranging from sexual attitudes and substance abuse to national unity and global concerns. Their responses indicate that teenagers are, "for the most part, a stable, tolerant and basically upbeat group."

The responses indicated that 82 per cent of the teens surveyed felt optimistic about their future. Seventy-two per cent believe they will marry and have children.

Eighty-five per cent described their relationship with their parents as either good, or very good. However, if faced with a big problem, a total of 60 per cent said they would either consult their best friend or work it out themselves.

As to tolerance, 70 per cent of the teens said they had friends from different ethnic or racial backgrounds. They were also asked about their heroes—athletes, movie stars, etc.—and favourite TV shows. Their choices of celebrities and entertainment again showed social diversity, says researcher Kaan Yigit of Decima.

As to their major concerns, 28 per cent of teens feel that the environment is the single most important issue facing Canada today. Forty-four per cent want to reach an equitable compromise in federal relations with Quebec, but 39 per cent of Quebec teens would approve of separation from the rest of Canada.

Education is an important issue with teens; 78 per cent said they care a lot about good grades and 18 per cent say they care at least a little about grades. Work and success were also recognized as important, with 90 per cent of respondents agreeing with the statement, "If you work hard and put your mind to it, you can be anything you want."

Wendy Bryan, research analyst and co-author of the report, says that although Decima has conducted quarterly surveys of the adult population for 10 years, teens have been left out of research until now because they make up less than one fifth of the population and they are non-voting.

"In the States research has been done that is very market-oriented; a lot of product usage and consumption patterns, but not on values, attitudes and lifestyle," says Bryan. "This was the benchmark, very experimental, and we are a lot wiser heading into the second wave."

A second survey of teens will be conducted over the summer of 1991, and Bryan says there is a long-term commitment from sponsors of the survey to continue monitoring teen attitudes. Sponsors for the initial survey included Pepsi-Cola Canada Ltd., YTV and Health and Welfare Canada. They will be joined in the second research study by two federal ministries: Industry, Science and Technology, and Employment and Immigration.

The second survey is intended to reach a more accurate sample of the total teen population. Bryan explains that survey participants were initially contacted by telephone and then were mailed the 34-page questionnaire. "Because we go into the home first to get the names, we didn't get a lot of street kids, because they're not at home. So this survey wasn't something that really addressed the at-risk teen."

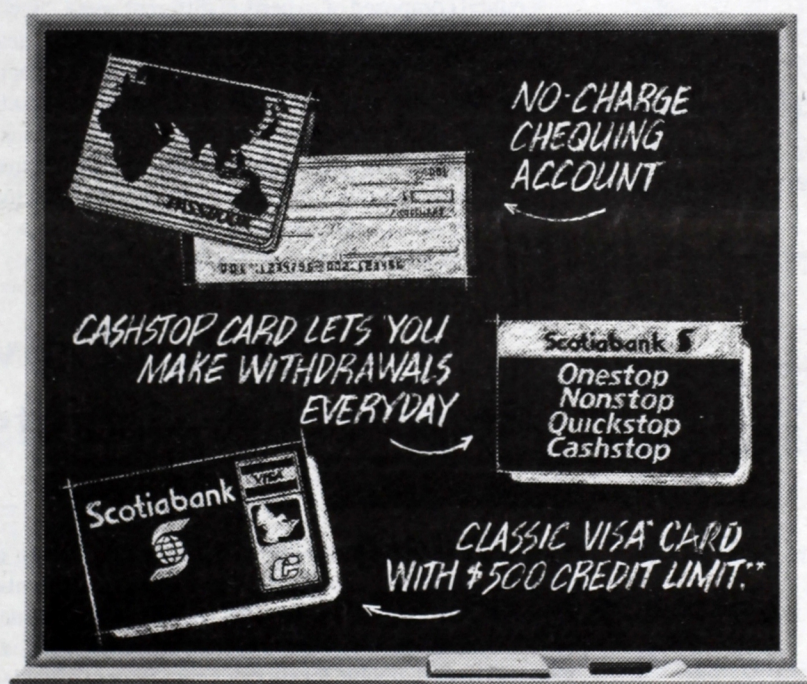
However, in terms of the type of teens it did contact, the survey has only a three per cent margin of error, the researchers say. And the sample was selected on the basis of the percentage of the population in each province, and compared with Statistics Canada figures.

Bryan says the second study will include a sample of 200 'street kids'. Researchers will organize focus groups with youth assistance agencies like Covenant House and Operation Mobilization, and distribute questionnaires or administer them the survey on-site.

"We really don't know what to expect because we've never done this before. We may run into a lot of problems like illiteracy, and the idea that funding them rather than a survey," says Bryan.

Over 50 per cent of teens responding to the first survey said they know someone who has run away from home, and 10 per cent said they think frequently of running away themselves.

(Canadian Science News)



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Sudbury Symphony Orchestra

New members welcome. **WANTED: Brass, Wind and String Musicians.** Rehearsals for Sudbury Symphony Orchestra's new Season will begin Tuesday September 10, 7:00 - 10:00pm, at Cambrian College, Room 2226. SSO is a community orchestra with a core of professional musicians. If you play an orchestral instrument and would like to become a member of the orchestra, call the Symphony office 673-1280 or Dr. Metro Kozak at 566-8101 ext. 7407.

Sudbury Symphony Orchestra

Are you a young musician? Sudbury Youth Orchestra welcomes new members. Rehearsals start Monday September 9, 4:30 - 5:30 for Juniors and Thursday September 12, 3:30 - 5:30 for Seniors. All rehearsals are held at Cambrian College, Barrydowne Campus. If you know a young musician who might be interested, please bring this to his/her attention. **STRINGS:** Phone Dr. Metro Kozak - **BRASS AND WIND:** Phone Mrs. Brenda Arrowsmith - Cambrian College 566-8101 - to arrange an audition.

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Co-op options for Laurentian University Engineering Programs

Laurentian University's School of Engineering is pleased to announce the introduction of co-op (co-operative education) options in Mining and Extractive Metallurgical Engineering. The co-op option comprises eight terms of study on campus alternating with five four-month terms of supervised industrial training in the practical aspects of engineering. Students receive remuneration for the work they perform during the training portion. The introduction of the co-op options will not affect the regular Engineering programs, which will continue to be offered as at present.

Laurentian is the only university in Ontario to offer co-op options in Mining and Extractive Metallurgical Engineering. The co-op options will commence with the new academic year in September 1991 and the first work term will take place during the period January-April, 1992. Students join the co-op stream after successfully completing the first-year Engineering program and then embark on the cycle of alternating study and work terms.

Generally, co-op programs are viewed positively by students, universities and industry. Students receive a high-quality integrated education, good industrial training, and remuneration to assist them in defraying some of the expenses associated with their studies. The University will be able to attract good students, enhance its image and interaction with industry, and produce high-calibre graduates. Industry will ensure the availability of well-prepared engineers requiring a minimum of training upon graduation.

The results of a survey of the mining industry in 1988 indicated that industry views the co-op option at Laurentian to be relevant, desirable, and effective in the preparation of engineering graduates. The survey also indicated that industry support was strong and that sufficient placements were available for Laurentian's co-op students.

For further information on co-op options in Engineering, contact Dr. Anis Farah, Director, School of Engineering, at 675-1151, ext. 2241

STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTING DATE RAPE

These days there is a lot of confusion over the issue of date/acquaintance rape (when a woman is raped by someone she knows). One thing that is certain: date rape is a serious problem, especially on college and university campuses.

There are some good strategies to make sure that you don't become involved in a date rape. Here are some:

- Both men and women should be more clear and direct about their expectations from an evening or of a relationship from the very beginning. Women in particular should make their own decisions, rather than trusting someone else to make their decision for them.
- Women and men should not feel they have to give in to peer pressure in regard to sex.
- Women should not feel that they owe a man any sexual payment if he has paid for food or for an evening's entertainment. Paying your own way avoids any question of who owes whom anything.
- Men should accept that No means No. Never convince yourself that no means yes, or even maybe. Don't challenge a woman's answer or try to persuade her to change her mind. Psychological weapons as threats are just as real as material weapons. Legally this is the case.
- Women should learn to make their decisions by what they want and not worry about making someone angry or having a relationship end. You should trust your own instincts. If you feel uneasy you may have good reason. Don't be caught in denying what is happening — this is very common (the "I know he'll stop" syndrome). It is estimated that over 90% of acquaintance rapes are not reported because women are ashamed and feel that no one will believe them ("Didn't you realize what he was like?"). Women hesitate to talk about it even to their closest friends — they are afraid they will be blamed.
- The best way to avoid date rape is for both men and women to refuse the traditional male and female stereotypes: the woman as weak, submissive, there to please, and the man as the aggressor, whose identity and self-esteem is tied to the demonstration of his sexual powers.
BE YOURSELVES!!!!

New Director appointed to the Institute of Northern Ontario Research and Development

Dr. Anne-Marie Mawhiney, Associate Professor in Laurentian University's School of Social Work and Speaker of Laurentian's Senate, has been appointed to a three-year term as Director of the Institute of Northern Ontario Research and Development (INORD), effective July 1, 1991. She succeeds Dr. Matt Bray, Associate Professor in the Department of History, who completed his four-year term as Director of INORD and is now on a one-year Sabbatical.

INORD, one of five research institutes at Laurentian University, was established in 1987 to promote studies in the social sciences and provide research support on a broad range of issues facing Northern Ontario.

Dr. Mawhiney notes that INORD now has a solid research structure, thanks to groundwork prepared by Dr. Bray. "We will be building on what INORD already has and exploring a few new areas," she says of her plans for the institute. "I will be meeting with members of the community and the University faculty over the next three months to assess potential research projects."

Among the projects in which INORD's involvement will continue are the Bibliography of Northern Ontario, directed by Ashley Thomson and Lionel Bonin and researched by Gwenda Hallsworth. The bibliography, which has received funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), will be ready for publication by the end of 1992. The first phase of the Elliot Lake Tracking Study has been completed and Drs. Derek Wilkinson, Matt Bray, Peter Suschnigg, David Leadbeater and Prof. David Robinson are now seeking funds for the project's second phase.

Other INORD projects include a joint project with Lakehead University, funded by the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, to examine the feasibility of a Northern Ontario database; an inventory of Inco archives; and a history of lumbering in Temagami.

Dr. Mawhiney also plans to get INORD involved in exploring some new research areas, particularly issues facing women and First Nations communities in Northern Ontario. INORD will host a conference in January called "Rebirth: Economic and Social Development in First Nations Communities in Northern Ontario."

Another goal is to establish a community advisory group to help INORD choose relevant research projects. The institute is currently guided by an in-house council composed of experts in different areas. "INORD has an excellent Council," says Dr. Mawhiney, "and I know I'll get a great deal of support from them."

Dr. Mawhiney returned in July from conducting research in Bristol, United Kingdom, on the British "action and inquiry method" of teaching social work. Her research into this pedagogical system, which stresses independent learning aided by a facilitator, has led Dr. Mawhiney to adapt some of its principles to her own curriculum planning. In addition to serving as Director of INORD, she will teach two Social Work courses this academic year, one as part of a team in Laurentian's new French-language Master of Social Work program.

Laurentian University Residence Assistants Training Week

Laurentian University students begin arriving on campus just after Labour Day. In preparation for the new school year, Laurentian has developed a training program for Residence Assistants (R.A.'s) that will run from August 26th to 30th.

Residence Assistants are senior students, selected for their leadership qualities, who will be responsible for supervising a floor of a residence. A committee, composed in part of representatives from four residences at Laurentian, collaborated since the beginning of the summer to build a training program that will prepare R.A.'s for their role.

The program includes plenary sessions, which will be attended by all the R.A.'s and sessions specific to each residence, such as room inventories, particular regulations, and residence orientation. Topics dealt with at general sessions include First Aid; Harassment (Norma MacRae-Ward); Death and Bereavement (Gerry Loughheed); Residence Alcohol Training (Bob Lama and Denise Rovers); Sex Roles and Sexuality (Vicky Kett); R.A.'s and the Law (Patricia Hennessy); and Fire Drill. There will also be time for socializing, with an opening barbecue and a reception hosted by Laurentian University President, Dr. Ross Paul.

Further training sessions will be held later in the year to help R.A.'s deal with communication and confrontation issues and to evaluate the program.

Bus Pass Information



People wishing to buy a student bus pass will need to get the photo portion done at the Civic Square Bus Booth. Until October 4th the Booth will be open from 10:00 to 4:00, Monday to Friday. The Cost is \$2.00 for the photo and \$40.00/month for the pass itself. After the 4th of October the booth will be open on Thursdays only from 10 till 4. Your bus pass can be renewed each month at the Laurentian book store.

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10am 10h00	Laurentian Info/Kiosque d'info (Great Hall/ Grand Salon)	Laurentian Info/Kiosque d'info (Great Hall/ Grand Salon)	•Scuff 'N' Buff & Car Wash parking lot 10	•Volleyball Tourney beside Pub (SGA)	Laurentian Info/Kiosque d'info (Great Hall/ Grand Salon)		
11am 11h00	•LOCS office in Conference Rm "B"	•Tour of Big Nickle Mine (SGA)	•Jeu de la chasse au trésor (AEF)		•LOCS Scavenger Hunt office located in conference rm "B" beside Great Hall		
12pm 12h00	Portes Ouverte de l'A.E.F	Guerre de Drapeau de l'A.E.F	mini-golf et gocat (AEF)		LOCS dinner		
1pm 13h00		Writing Competency Test / Test de compétence en Rédaction (Great Hall/ Grand Salon)		Registration / Inscrip- tions	•LOCS EVENTS DAY	SGA PLAYFAIR	
2pm 14h00	Family Welcoming / Réception des familles (Great Hall / Grand Salon)	Tour of Big Nickle Mine (SGA)		Science Building/ Edifice des sciences 9am - 7pm 9h00 à 19h00	•Grande journée à la plage (AEF)		NOTE: AEF - Association des étudiants francophones, pour plus d'information, regarder à la page 13
3pm 15h00				Students Whose surname begins: A-H 9:00-11:00 I-Q 1:00- 3:30 R-Z 7:00- 8:30	LOCS BBQ	President's BBQ BBQ de Recteur Outside Pub/ Devant le Pub	LOCS- Laurentian Off- Campus Students, for more information please see page 12
4pm 16h00			Cortina Cruise (Native Orientation)				SGA- Student's General Association, for more information please see pages 8 & 9
5pm 17h00			Sudbury Downs (SGA)		Epluchette du blé-d'inde (AEF)		Native Ori ntation please see pages 6 & 7
6pm 18h00							
7pm 19h00		Writing Competency Test / Test de compétence en Rédaction (Great Hall/ Grand Salon)		Much Music SuperPub (SGA)		ENDLESS SUMMER V.I.P. Square (SGA/AGE)	
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Huntington

Sat. Aug. 31	8:00pm	Benders	Elvis I'm Alive Dance
Sun. Sept. 1	12:00pm		Frosh Carpentry Lessons
	7:00pm		College Event
Mon. Sept. 2	2:55pm		Tug of War
	7:00pm		Herb's Horrendous Downtown Cruise
Tue. Sept. 3	11:00am		Kent's Sun & Fun Party
	6:00pm		Administration Buffet
	8:30pm		Ultimate Hall Party
Wed. Sept 4	1:00pm		Rude Rhonda's baseball
	7:00pm		Evening with Andrew Lowe
Thur. Sept 5	1:00pm		Porkchop's Frosh 500
	9:00pm		Dance & Pub Night
Fri. Sept 6	2:00pm		Dating Game
	5:00pm		College Event
	8:00pm		Mystery Bash
Sat. Sept 7	11:00pm		Scavenger Hunt
	See General Orientation		
Sun. Sept 8	1:00pm		Huntington Bowl
	Dusk		Special Event

Thorneloe

Sat. Aug 31	8:00pm	Bonfire
Sun. Sept 1	4:00pm	BBQ
	9:00pm	Welcome to the Jungle
		Dance
Mon. Sept 2	10:00am	Beach Day
	5:00pm	BBQ
	7:00pm	Bowling
Tues. Sept 3	4:00pm	Thorneloe Eucharist
	5:00pm	BBQ
	7:00pm	Slave Auction
Wed. Sept 4	10:00pm	Scavenger Hunt
	4:00pm	Pot Luck Dinner
	7:00pm	College Event
Thur. Sept 5	5:00pm	BBQ
Fri. Sept 6	8:00pm	College Event
Sat. Sept 7	12:00pm	Baseball
	See General Programme	
Sun. Sept 8	12:00pm	Kangaroo Court
	5:00pm	BBQ

University College

Sun. Sept 1	9:00pm	Vet Party
Mon. Sept 2	1:00pm	BBQ & Patio Party
	8:30pm	College Event
Tues. Sept 3	3:00pm	Trek to Park Lane
Wed. Sept 4	12:00pm	Scavenger Hunt
	2:00pm	Dating Game
	4:00pm	Joke Off
	6:00pm	A Night at the Races
Thur. Sept 5	3:00pm	Blow Pong
Fri. Sept 6	12:00pm	Frosh Olympics
	7:30pm	Underage Event
Sat. Sept 8	1:00pm	Kangaroo Court

Single Students Residence

Mon. Sept 2	1:00pm	BBQ and Patio Party
	8:00pm	Patio Party
Tues. Sept 3	11:00pm	Frosh Registration
	12:00pm	Campus Tour
	5:00pm	Get to know your Don Party
	6:15pm	Residence event
Wed. Sept 4	2:00pm	Scavenger Hunt
	6:00pm	A Night at the Races
Thur. Sept 5	11:30am	Polar Bear Dip
	4:30pm	Cortina Cruise
Fri Sept 6	10:00am	Cortina Cruise
	2:00pm	Triathlon
	6:30pm	SSR Squares
		Talent Show

University of Sudbury

Sun. Sept 1	2:00pm	BBQ
	8:00pm	Welcome Dance
Mon. Sept 2	9:00am	French Toast
	1:00pm	Scavenger Hunt
	8:00pm	Barn Dance
Tues. Sept 3	6:30pm	University Life: A Talk
	7:30pm	Building Tour
	8:00pm	Wine & Cheese
Wed. Sept 4	9:00am	Pancake Breakfast
	1:00pm	Downtown Rally
	5:00pm	Spaghetti Dinner
	8:00pm	Toga Party
Fri. Sept 6	11:00pm	Activity
	8:00pm	Dance; Andrew Lowe
Sat. Sept 7	See General Programme	

For all Activities listed as "College Events", just contact your college for more details.

The Super

Louie Kritski is every tenant's worst nightmare: a landlord without a shred of conscience. Joe Pesci plays Louie Kritski in "The Super," a comedy with heart about a slumlord who is court-ordered to live in one of his own decrepit tenements.

Repeatedly charged with housing code violations, which he has flagrantly ignored, Kritski is sentenced to house arrest in one of his own buildings, where the judge orders him to live until acceptable repairs are made. When the tenants, who have never had anyone to complain to about the atrocious conditions in the building, gleefully discover that they have a captive audience, they show Kritski no mercy. And as he gets to know these people and sees how he has made them live, Louie the Super gradually undergoes a transformation from slumlord to human being.

Largo Entertainment presents a Charles Gordon Production of a Rod Daniel Film, "The Super," starring Joe Pesci as Louie Kritski. "The Super" gives Pesci his first leading role following his recently acclaimed performances in the Fox's "Home Alone" and in Martin Scorsese's "GoodFellas," for which he won an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor, as well as awards from the National Board of Review and the Los Angeles Society of Film Critics. "The Super" also stars Vincent Gardenia as Big Lou, Louie's devoutly bigoted slumlord father, who made his son what he is today; Madolyn Smith Osborne as Naomi Besinger, the Housing Authority lawyer pursuing justice for Louie's tenants, and Ruben Blades as Marlin, a crafty tenant who becomes Louie's unlikely friend.

"The Super" is directed by Rod Daniel, whose films include "Like Father, Like Son" and "Teen Wolf," and is produced by Charles Gordon, who has produced such hits as "Die Hard," "Die Hard 2" and the Academy Award-nominated "Field of Dreams." "The Super" is the second collaboration for Daniel and Gordon, who previously worked together on the hit comedy "K-9," starring James Belushi. The executive producer is Ron Frazier. The screenplay is by Sam Simon.

Gordon and Daniel have assembled an impressive creative team for "The Super" which includes noted cinematographer Bruce Surtees ("To Live and Die in L.A.," "Risky Business"), production designer Kristi Zea ("GoodFellas," "New York Stories"), costume designer Aude Bronson-Howard ("State of Grace," "Mississippi Burning") and editor Jack Hofstra ("Young Guns," "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas"). The music is by Miles Goodman ("What About Bob?").

Academy Award winner Joe Pesci starred opposite Robert De Niro in Martin Scorsese's "Raging Bull" as Jake LaMotta's brother Joey, a performance for which Pesci received Academy Award and Golden Globe nominations for Best Supporting Actor, as well as awards from both the New York Film Critics Society and the National Board of Review. He has demonstrated a seemingly limitless range in films since "Raging Bull," from comic roles in "Lethal Weapon 2," "Betsy's Wedding" and "Home Alone" to straight dramatic roles in "Once Upon a Time in America" and "GoodFellas."

Vincent Gardenia portrays Big Lou Kritski, a world-class bigot with a soft spot for his only son, whom he coaches to adhere to his own dubious standards as a landlord. One of America's most respected character actors, Gardenia has received Oscar nominations for his performances in "Bang the Drum Slowly" and "Moonstruck," and has created unforgettable characters in such films as "The Hustler," "Little Murders," "The Front Page," "Heaven Can Wait" and "Little Shop of Horrors." He won a Tony for his performance in Neil Simon's "Prisoner of Second Avenue" and Obies for "Machinal" and "Passing Through from Exotic Places." Last year, Gardenia won an Emmy for Best Supporting Actor for his performance opposite Hume Cronyn in the HBO production "Age Old Friends."

Madolyn Smith Osborne is Naomi Besinger, the disorganized by determined Housing Authority lawyer pursuing justice for Kritski's beleaguered tenants. Smith Osborne first caught the eye of film-goers and critics as the woman who stole John Travolta from Debra Winger in "Urban Cowboy" in 1980, and has gone on to star in such hit films as "All of Me" with Steve Martin and Lily Tomlin, and "Funny Farm," co-starring Chevy Chase.

Ruben Blades is Marlon, a crafty street hustler. Blades, who recently starred opposite Danny Glover in Fox's "Predator 2," was nominated for an Emmy for his performance in HBO's "The Josephine Baker Story." He has appeared in such films as "The Milagro Beanfield War," "The Two Jakes," "Fatal Beauty" and "Critical Condition," while pursuing a stellar career as a pioneer salsa musician with his band, Son del Solar, which has received four Grammy nominations.



"The Super" coming September 27th



"29th Street" coming this fall

29th Street

Frank Pesce is a young man born under a lucky star. No matter how bad things may presently look, good fortune is sure to follow Frank wherever he goes. This lifelong run of good luck exasperates Frank's family, especially his father, Frank Pesce, Sr., whose own run of luck could use some improvement.

At age 28, Frank gets a chance to put his luck to the test when he buys a ticket for the first New York State Lottery. Sure enough, he becomes a finalist to win the \$6.2 million dollar grand prize. Everyone, including the ever-confident Frank and his hopeful father, is convinced the money will be his. Equally convinced are several local thugs who make Frank an offer he can't refuse: a cool \$10,000 for his ticket and the chance of a lifetime, or else...

Danny Aiello, Anthony LaPaglia and Lainie Kazan star in "29th Street," which was filmed in Wilmington, North Carolina, by 29th Street Productions. Inspired by the life actor Frank Pesce, who co-stars as his own older brother Vito in the film, the initial idea for "29th Street" was brought to producer David Permut by writer/director George Gallo. Gallo met Pesce on the set of "Midnight Run," which Gallo wrote and in which Pesce played a small role. Written for the screen by George Gallo from a story by Frank Pesce & James Franciscus, "29th Street" marks Gallo's directorial debut. Jerry Baerwitz is the executive producer. The co-producer is Ellen Erwin.

The production team who recreated a New York City neighborhood on soundstages in North Carolina included director of photography Steven Fierberg ("Scenes from the Class Struggle in Beverly Hills"), production designer Robert Ziembicki ("Barfly"), costume designer Peggy Farrell ("Ragtime") and editor Kaja Fehr (Prizzi's Honor).

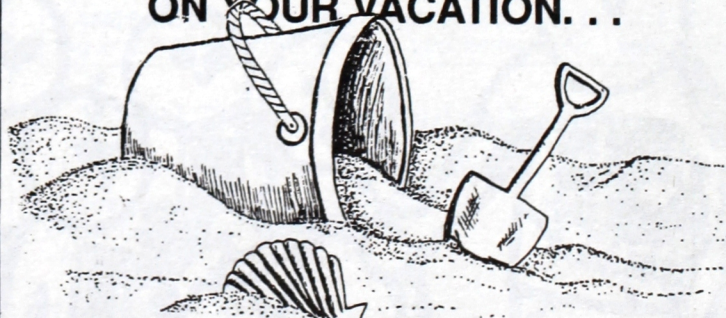
Danny Aiello, who plays Frank Pesce, Sr., made his film debut in "Bang the Drum Slowly" in 1973. Some of his films include "The Front," "Fort Apache, The Bronx," "Harlem Nights," "The Godfather, Part II," "The Purple Rose of Cairo" and "Radio Days" for Woody Allen, "Once Upon a Time in America," "Moonstruck" and "Once Around." He earned an Oscar nomination for Best Supporting Actor in Spike Lee's "Do the Right Thing."

Anthony LaPaglia, who plays Frank Pesce, Jr., was a stand-out as Ally Sheedy's determined, well-mannered suitor Stevie Dee in Alan Alda's comedy "Betsy's Wedding." He was also seen in James Ivory's "Slaves of New York," "He Said/She Said" and "One Good Cop," starring opposite Michael Keaton.

The real Frank Pesce has been seen in "Lock Up," "Paradise Alley," "Beverly Hills Cop" 1 & 2, "American Gigolo" and "Top Gun."

Actress and singer Lainie Kazan got her big break when she understudied Barbra Streisand on Broadway in "Funny Girl." Her film career began in 1980, with credits including "One from the Heart," "My Favorite Year," "The Journey of Natty Gann," "Harry and the Hendersons" and "Beaches."

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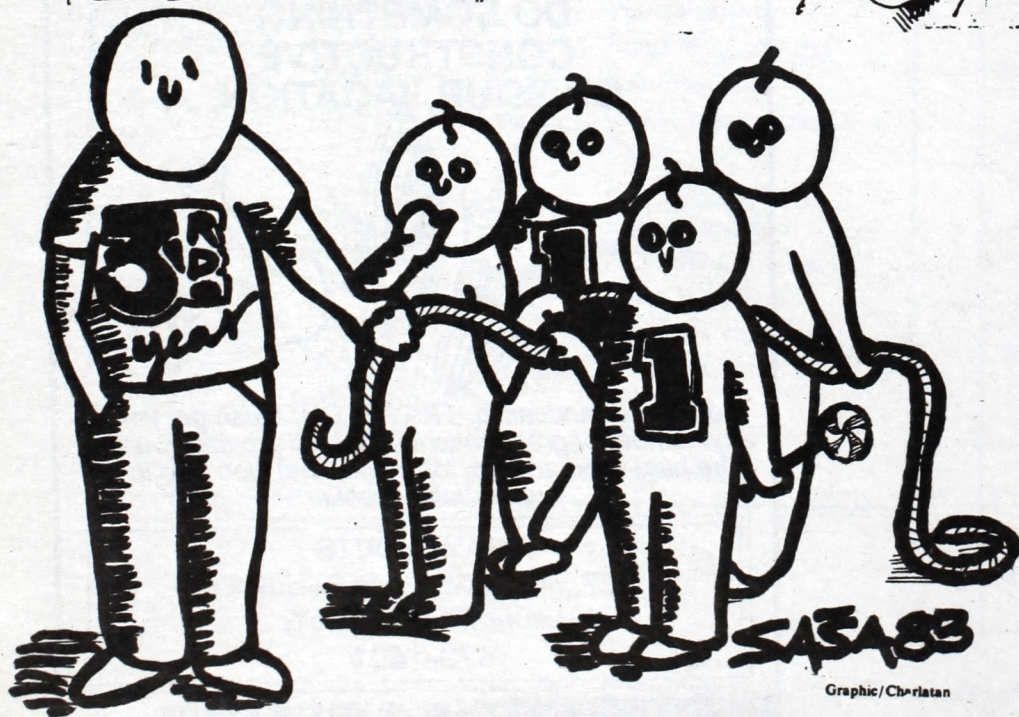
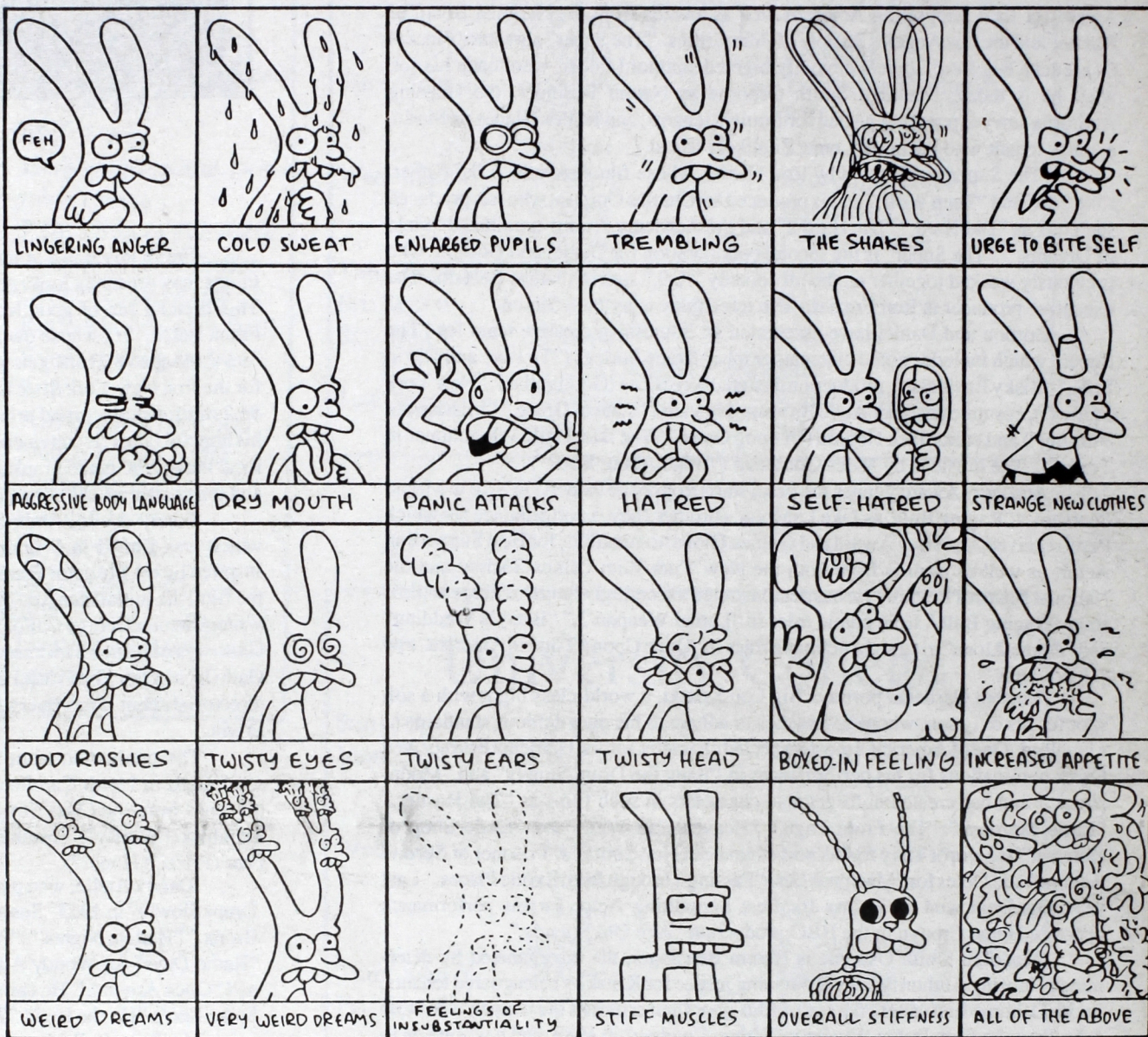
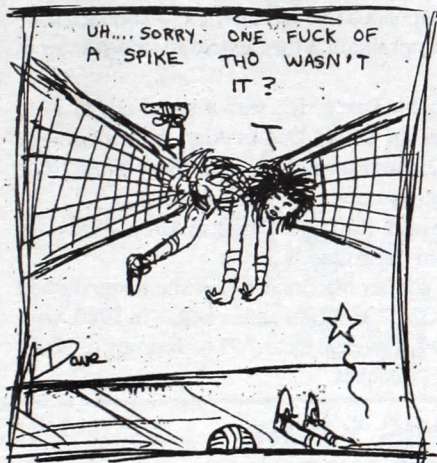
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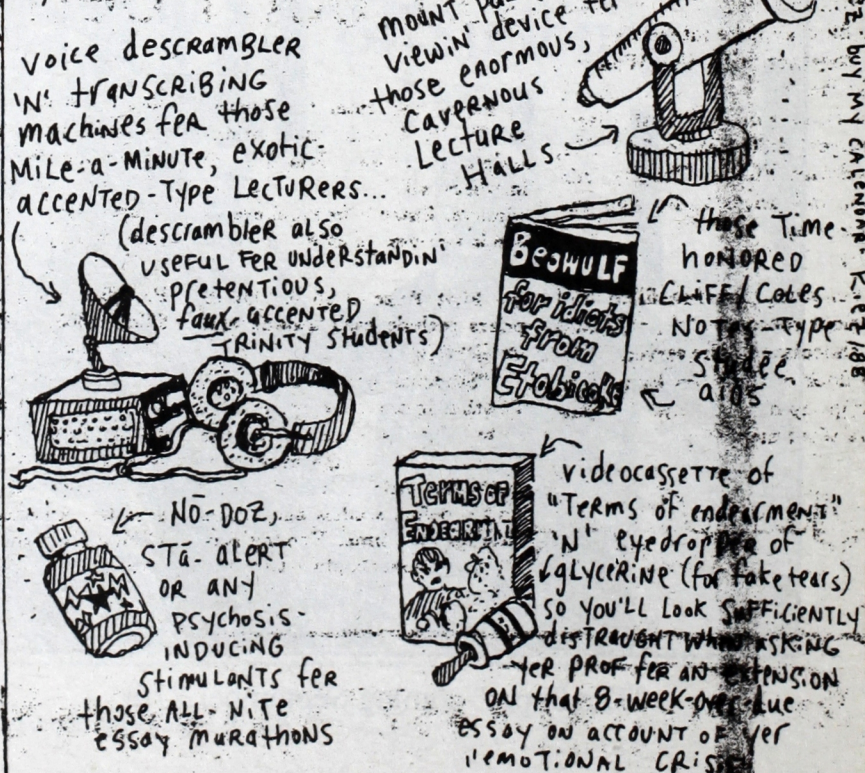
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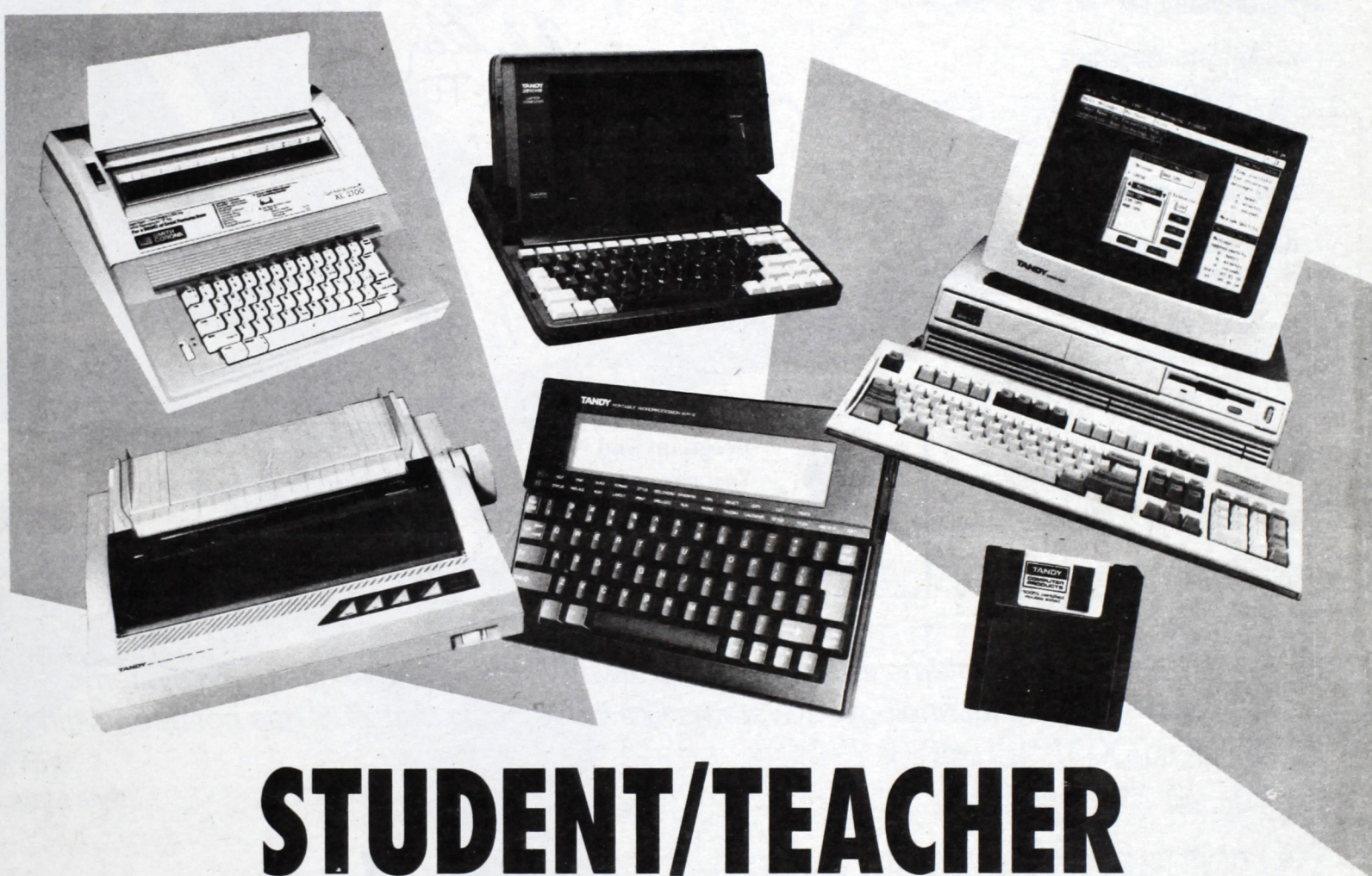
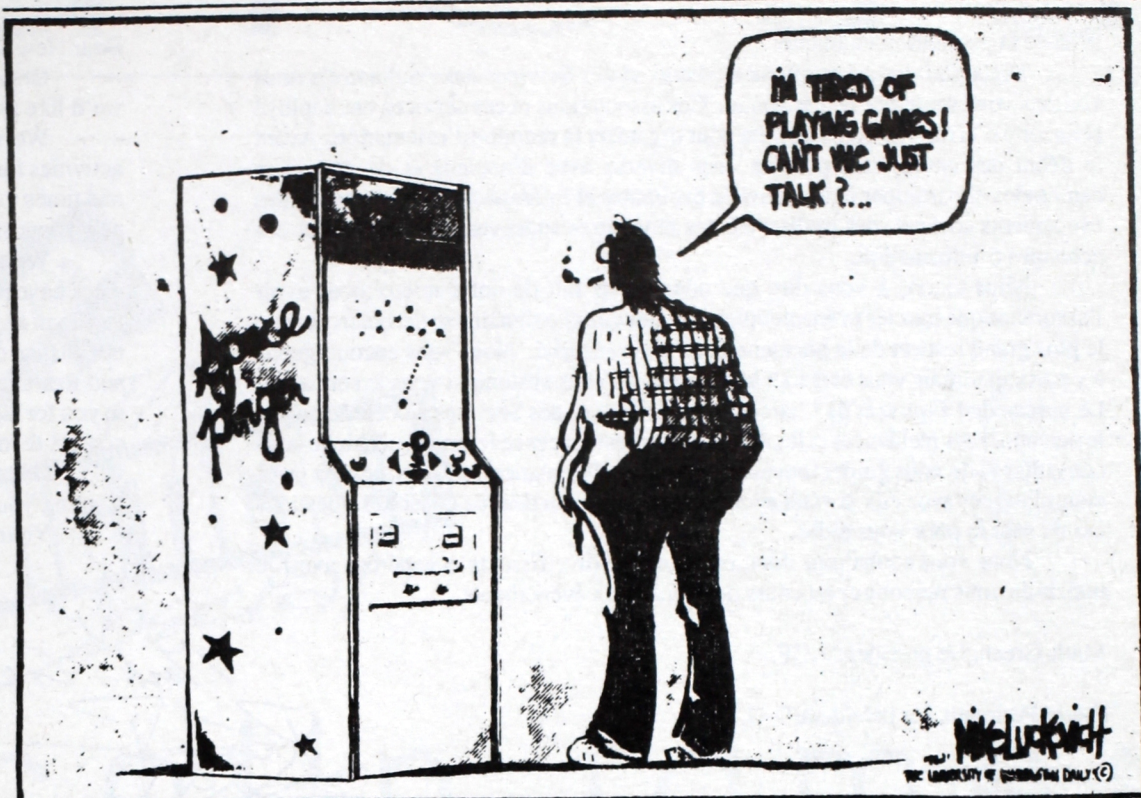
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Nous tenons à vous dire que nous avons fait de notre mieux pour avoir l'assurance que tous les événements et activités de cette semaine se dérouleront dans le plus grand respect de la personne et en toute sécurité. Nous vous encourageons à y participer mais vous êtes tout à fait libres de vous abstenir si vous le souhaitez. Le bureau de l'Équité et de l'harcèlement, le bureau des Services aux étudiant(e)s, le personnel des résidences et les Assistants de résidences se feront un plaisir de vous conseiller et de vous guider tout au long de cette Orientation 1991. N'hésitez pas à communiquer avec eux si vous avez des problèmes ou désirez poser des questions car ils sont là pour vous aider.

Nous vous souhaitons donc une semaine divertissante et espérons avoir le plaisir de vous rencontrer au cours des nombreux événements.

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Dear New Student,

On behalf of the student associations and councils and of Student Services, we'd like to welcome you to Laurentian.

We've all been working hard this summer to plan an exciting week of activities for you before classes begin. There are Bar-B-Q's, social events, concerts and times to talk, and we hope that this is a week of fun and discovery with old and new friends.

We have done our best in our preparations to ensure that all events during the week have been planned with your self-respect and security in mind. Please feel free to join in any of the activities but do not feel any obligation to participate, if you do not wish to do so. The Equity and Harassment office, Student Services, counselling and Resources, as well as the residence staff and Resident Assistants are available to you for advice and guidance. If you have questions or problems, don't hesitate to contact them.

Once again, we wish you a thoroughly enjoyable week and look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely,

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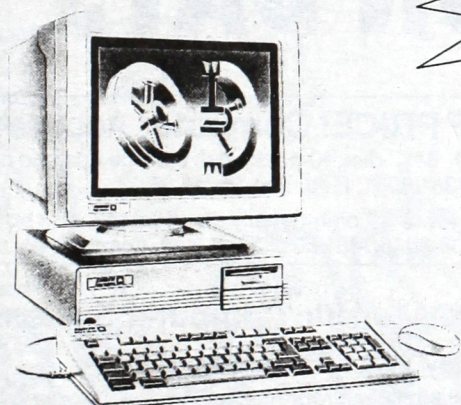
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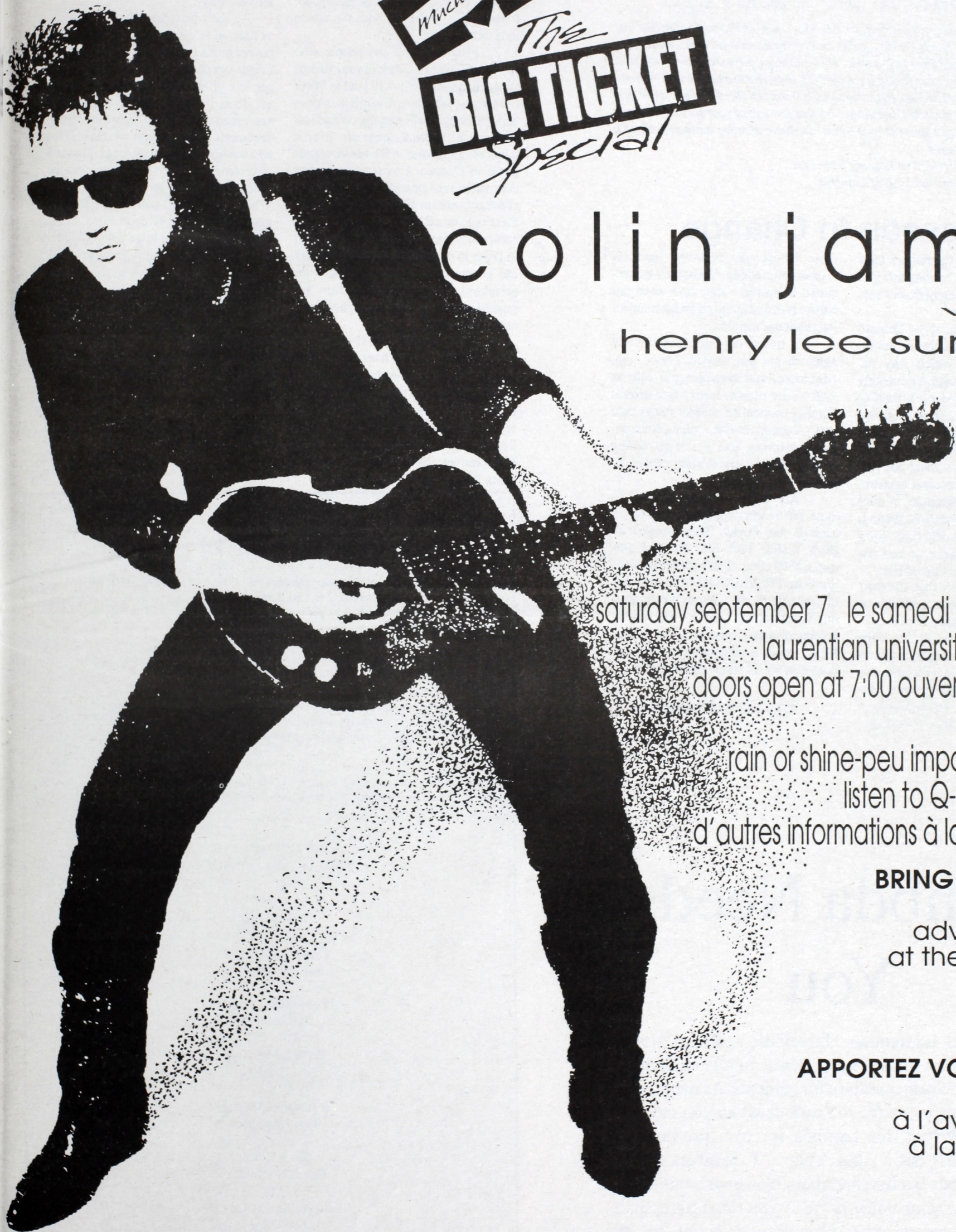
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The back page will be a new feature this year. Instead of boring stuff like ads or whatever, that we've had in the past, you can look forward to editorials and other student musings. The staff here at Lambda will be looking forward to hearing what students think about the issues facing us in the 90's. If you have a bee in your bonnet, or are just plain pissed off at something, write us a short article of 500 words or less and mark it for the back page. We're going to try and print all of your submissions here on the back page but since space is limited we may have to move some articles to a different place in the paper.

*We're looking forward to hearing from you.
The Editor and Staff of Lambda*

A Lesson In Change

Welcome to Laurentian University. Since you are reading this you have made it through most of frosh week. Congratulations!!!!

In 1982, two men, Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev, sat together and decided which way the world's people would head. Fortunately those two men decided on a road to peace. We've had a great deal of change because of their initiative. The fall of "The Wall", the end of the cold war, the United Nations taking a stand and preventing a major international catastrophe, the use of free elections in once communist countries, and the beginnings of peace talks in the Middle East. Most of this has happened since we last saw each other in April, unbelievable!!!

It is unfortunate that, the man who was trying to create an atmosphere that would allow for reasonable change, was ousted from power by the very people he trusted. The attempted coup in the Soviet Union, will have longlasting effects upon international politics. Instead of preventing the ultimate break in communist rule in the Bloc Countries,

their failure has hastened its final dissolution. Luckily, Gorbachev was restored to power. They now need our help to start and maintain an economy of international viability.

It is my hope that countries will agree to not just monetary aide, but, educational and developmental aide as well. They need to form a free market but they need much simpler things then that. A transportation system, constitutional reforms, and a self-governing media, are just a start to a long process of change.

All of this is now possible because the Soviet people stood up to be counted last week. They refused to allow a slide back into the past and stopped the coup. Their country is now just that: THEIR COUNTRY. A round of applause to all of those who risked imprisonment or death to make their dreams of a new country come to life. Maybe there is something in their actions that we all should take heed to?.

By, Tina Henderson

Lambda Needs You

Lambda is Laurentian Universities official student newspaper. We are funded by students, run by students, in order to provide a print medium for students. As members of SGA you already pay a fee to Lambda when you pay your student fees. Writing for Lambda is not a privilege for members of SGA but a right. The SGA members are not owners of Lambda but the caretakers. You own Lambda, but you won't make your voice heard if you don't participate. Lambda needs people who are willing to write, or take photographs, or follow Laurentian sports, or follow the local entertainment scene. Basically anything that is of interest to students, is of interest to Lambda. Lambda staff will be on campus during frosh week so if your interested and energetic then come down to our office and get involved.

State Run Auto Insurance. Why?

I've been hearing a lot in the news lately about the Ontario government's plan to nationalize auto insurance in this province. It's been a long standing campaign promise of the New Democratic Party so their actions shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone. I have a few problems with the whole idea though.

First, many of the people who support the idea of a state run auto insurance plan think that it will lead to lower insurance premiums. Even if this does happen though, will it really cost us less money? At present there are over a hundred companies in the car insurance game in Ontario. Competition among companies is extensive which is the best check on prices in the marketplace. Since there is so much competition, insurance companies must operate very efficiently in order to be profitable. Added to this, the government already regulates the premiums for auto insurance. How is it possible then that a state run scheme will cost us any less?

Some people would say that if you eliminate profits from the process then those savings can be passed on to the consumer. I say that if you look at the government track record on running any type of enterprise you will know that, instead of making a profit, Crown Corporations throw money down that black hole created by bureaucratic

incompetence and inefficiency. If given the choice between money being thrown away through incompetence or profits being gained through efficient operation, I'll take the latter. Wouldn't it be better to preserve those jobs anyway?

The worst part of this whole idea, as I see it, is the prospect of using taxpayers money to subsidize bad drivers. Under the present system, drivers who get lots of speeding tickets and create accidents through their own stupidity are forced to pay much higher insurance premiums than a person who is careful and conscientious on the road. Under a government run system there will be political pressure to lower premiums. While good drivers will benefit, the biggest breaks will be given to those people who really deserve to be paying higher premiums. I'm wondering why the NDP feels that it is necessary to use my tax dollars to subsidize bad drivers. If you think about it, you may realize that it is a stupid idea that deserves to be shelved along with all the other stupid ideas that Bob Rae has promised but now realizes are too impractical to really be implemented.

By, Chris Land

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